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John E. Bell, Jr., Special Agent in Charge (SAC), Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI), Detroit, Michigan, announces a major donation by Daimler-Chrysler to the Michigan InfraGard chapter in the amount of \$8,000.00. This check will be used to pay for the organizational formation and operating expenses of the new Michigan chapter.

Michigan InfraGard is a government and private sector alliance which serves the public interest by providing its members with timely threat advisories, alerts, and warnings so that owners, operators, and users of computer infrastructure assets can better protect themselves. InfraGard members across the nation are linked to each other and to the FBI by the Bureau's secure alert network, and encryption software has also been developed to protect information exchange among members. Telecommunications, water systems, energy, and banking are but a few of our critical infrastructures which must be protected as well as remain secure and this is the cornerstone of the Michigan InfraGard. InfraGard will be a major asset as well as an integral resource in day-to-day investigations of the FBI as cybercrime is included as one of the Bureau's top three priorities in its current restructuring.

SAC Bell personally extends a welcome to all local media outlets to attend a brief

ceremony acknowledging this donation on Tuesday, June 4, 2002, at 9:00, at the Detroit FBI office located at 477 Michigan, 26th Floor, Detroit, Michigan.